

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AAUB, AFSP, SF

SUBJECT: PENDING INSPECTION OF LOURENCO MARQUES

REF: STATE 90744

1. REFTEL INDICATES WE ARE TO BE INSPECTED JULY 19-26.

2. I REALIZE TIMING HAS BEEN CAREFULLY COORDINATED WITH INSPECTIONS OF AF/SA IN DEPARTMENT AND OTHER POSTS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT AM OBLIGED POINT OUT THAT IT COMES AT BAD MOMENT FOR US. THIS POST WILL BE WITHOUT PRINCIPAL OFFICER FROM JUNE 3 UNTIL ARRIVAL OF MY SUCCESSOR NOW SCHEDULED FOR LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST. IT WILL HAVE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE/CONSULAR OFFICER (GEORGE CLEE) WHO ARRIVES ON JUNE 1. CONSUL RANDOLPH REED, WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE, HAS BEEN AT POST ONLY SINCE EARLY FEBRUARY. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WILL BE FULLY OCCUPIED WITH VISIT BY TWO U.S. NAVAL DESTROYERS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 20 THROUGH 22.

3. ALTHOUGH POST IS PRESENTLY BOLSTERED BY PRESENCE ON TDY OF HUGH C. MACDOUGALL, HE IS SCHEDULED LEAVE AROUND JULY 15. RECENT COUP IN PORTUGAL AND ACCOMPANYING EVENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE HAVE IMPOSED HEAVY REPORTING BURDEN ON OUR SMALL STAFF WHICH NOW STRETCHED TO LIMIT, PARTICULARLY ON COMMUNICATIONS SIDE. THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT THAT THIS PRESSURE WILL HAVE DECREASED BY JULY INSPECTION DATE.

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4. ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO POSTPONING THE INSPECTION BY AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS UNTIL AFTER MY SUCCESSOR HAS ARRIVED AT POST AND SETTLED IN. IF THIS SHOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE, WE SHALL OF COURSE DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE INSPECTORS ON THEIR PRESENT SCHEDULE, BUT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE AS FULL ATTENTION TO ADVANCE PREPARATIONS AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE UNDER MORE NORMAL CONDITIONS.

5. SINCE WE HAVE ONLY ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL ASSIGN TDY SECRETARY FOR INSPECTORS' USE.  
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